GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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MEETING OF INDO CANADA WORKING GROUP
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the third meeting of the Indo-Canada Working Group on counter- terrorism was held recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof;

(c) the other positive achievements of this meeting;

(d) whether any joint strategy has been evolved between the two countries to meet this threat; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The meeting was held in New Delhi on February 15-16, 2000.

(b) The two delegations met and reviewed the international security environment threatened by the growing menace of terrorism including narco-terrosim. They exchanged views on recent activities of various terrorist groups. . They expressed satisfaction at their ongoing cooperation in the area of counter-terrorism and agreed to enhance such cooperation bilaterally as well as in multi-lateral forums;

(c) The delegations expressed their conviction that terrorist acts are criminal acts and could not be justified for political, ideological, religious or any other reasons;

(d&e) The Working Group provides the forum for continued consultation and cooperation between the two countries to combat the menace of terrorism.